CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 17. (canceled)

18. (new) A method of making a fiber laminate, the method comprising the steps of sequentially:

a) forming a nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

b) prebonding the nonwoven spunbond filament layer to a tensile strength of at least 50% of the tensile strength thereof at maximum bonding as defined in DIN 53815 to form a prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

b') treating the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer with at least one wetting agent;

c) applying at least one layer of hydrophilic fibers onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer treated with the wetting agent; and

d) hydrodynamically bonding the layer of hydrophilic fibers to the spunbond filament layer to create a two-layer laminate forming an absorbent cloth.

19. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step b) in a calender.

20. (new) The method defined in claim 19 wherein the nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step b) in a calender having at least one heated embossing drum cylinder.

21. (new) The method defined in claim 20 wherein the prebonding is carried out in step b) such that a maximum free filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer is less than 15 mm.

22. (new) The method defined in claim 21, further comprising the step of additionally deforming the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

23. (new) The method defined in claim 22 wherein the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer.

24. (new) The method defined in claim 23, further comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material onto the laminate formed by the layers.

25. (new) The method defined in claim 24 wherein the hydrodynamic bonding of the layers into the laminate is effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.

26. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the prebonding is carried out in step b) such that a maximum free filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer is less than 15 mm.

27. (new) The method defined in claim 18, further comprising the step of additionally deforming the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

28. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the wetting agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

29. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer.

30. (new) The method defined in claim 18, further comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material onto the laminate formed by the layers.

31. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the hydrodynamic bonding of the layers into the laminate is effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.